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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: TOBACCO

1. DEPARTMENT MAY 23 PRESENTED SOVEMB AIDE- MEMOIRE EX-20
PROPOSING EXCHANGE OF TOBACCO SPECIALISTS UNDER 1972-73
EXCHANGES AGREEMENT (SECTION IV, PARA 3).

2. RAY IOANES (FAS) AND JOSEPH WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT,
TOBACCO ASSOCIATES INC. HAD BROACHED PROPOSAL FOR SUCH
EXCHANGE IN EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVEMB AG COUNSELOR
KONYGIN, WHO RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO IDEA.

3. EX-20 MAKES FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

A) PURPOSE OF EXCHANGE IS TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, RESEARCH IN RESPECTIVE
COUNTRIES WHICH COULD LAY BASIS FOR LATER EXPLORATION
TWO- WAY TRADE IN TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

B) US DELEGATION OF ABOUT TWELVE SPECIALISTS DESIRES
VISIT SOVIET UNION FOR TEN DAYS, PREFERABLY IN SEPTEMBER.
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C) US WOULD WELCOME RETURN SOVDEL AND ARRANGE
ITINERARY TO MAJOR SOUTHERN US TOBACCO PRODUCING,
PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING AREAS.

4. AIDE- MEMOIRE BEING AIRPOUCHED. RUSH

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